Programme. However, there was a setback in 2002 when the number of Polio cases rose from 268 in 2001 to 1600 in 2002. However, due to intensive activity of Pulse Polio Immunization Programme during 2003, the number of Polio cases were brought down to 225 which was the lowest ever recorded cases in a year. In 2004 till 30th June, 2004, 16 cases have been reported as compared to 87 cases for similar period in 2003.

Polio cases

†576. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polio cases which have come to light during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any need to make amendments in the implementation of the existing Polio Eradication Programme; and

(c) the time-limit to make the country completely polio-free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The total number of Polio cases detected during 2001, 2002 and 2003 were 268, 1600 and 225 respectively. The number of cases detected during last three years, State-wise is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The polio situation in the country is reviewed intermittently by the India Expert Advisory Group on Polio consisting of National and International experts. Taking into consideration the epidemiological situation, they suggest the strategies that are required to be followed in the country for polio eradication programme. Since the strategy that are being implemented in the country is as per advise of the India Expert Advisory Group on Polio there is no need for making amendment in the strategy.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) India is committed to make all out effort to stop wild polio virus circulation by end of 2004 and obtain certification by 2007.

Statement

Polio cases detected State-wise

State	2001	2002	2003
Andhra Pradesh	—	—	21
Assam	1	—	1
Bihar	27	121	18
Chandigarh	—	1	—
Chhattisgarh	—	1	—
Delhi	3	24	3
Gujarat	1	24	3
Haryana	5	37	3
Jammu and Kashmir	1	—	—
Jharkhand	2	12	1
Karnataka	—	—	36
Kerala	—	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	—	21	11
Maharashtra	4	6	3
Orissa	—	4	2
Punjab	5	2	1
Rajasthan	—	41	4
Tamil Nadu	—	—	2
Uttar Pradesh	216	1242	88
Uttaranchal	3	14	—
West Bengal	1	49	28
TOTAL :	268	1600	225